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Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

FISH BRING HIGH PRICES.

Sold Cheaper in Distant Cities Than in Tidewater Virginia.—Newport News, Va., April 20.—According to those who have taken the time and trouble to investigate the matter, fish caught in Tidewater Virginia are sold cheaper in distant cities than they can be had for in the local markets, and that in spite of the cost of icing, packing and transporting the fish to the distant markets. People of this section are supplied chiefly and almost exclusively with fish from market wagons operated by hucksters. These hucksters purchase their supplies of fish chiefly from fishermen on the bay shore, many of whom operate on a large scale, their catches frequently running into the tens of thousands. It is said that frequently when the run of fish is heavy, and the markets become glutted, the fishermen are unable to get enough for their shipments to pay the cost of shipping, but instead of giving the local people the advantage of the low prices they prefer turning their catches back into the waters or wasting them in some other manner. While local prices of fish are subject to some changes, it is said the prices here fluctuate far less than do the prices in the Northern and Western markets, and that frequently the hucksters could effect a considerable saving by buying their supplies of fish in the Baltimore and Philadelphia markets and shipping them back to Tidewater Virginia to be retailed here. The fish sold here are said to cost the hucksters an average of about 25 per cent more than the same kind of fish can be bought on the markets at distant places.

BRYAN TO MAKE ADDRESS.

Will Be Present at Inauguration of Dr. Henry Louis Smith.—Lexington, Va., April 20.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation to be present and deliver an address on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Henry Louis Smith as president of Washington and Lee University on Wednesday, May 7. He will be one of several speakers of note to be heard at the exercises at the chapel in the morning and at luncheon to follow. Representatives from many institutions of learning of the country will grace the occasion. Among the in-

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stitutions which have accepted invitations to be represented are: University of Pennsylvania, St. John's College, Md., George Washington University, University of Alabama, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, N. Y., University of North Carolina, West Virginia University, Hampden-Sydney College, Harvard College, Pa., Western Reserve University, Ohio, Davidson, Trinity College, Connecticut, A. & M. of North Carolina, Rutgers College, New Jersey, Lehigh University, Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Vermont.

MAN ADJUDGED INSANE.

Vinco Petelin, Arrested as Masher, Crazy on Subject of Women.—Newport News, Va., April 20.—Vinco Petelin, an Austrian, arrested at the home of Mrs. M. A. Finch, of West Avenue, about two weeks ago and lodged in jail, charged with trespass and later with lunacy, was given a hearing before a commission of lunacy Thursday morning and adjudged insane. He will be sent to the Eastern State Hospital for the Insane at Williamsburg. Members of the commission sitting in the case were Justice of the Peace R. A. T. Clement, Dr. W. P. Creasy and Dr. Aaron Jeffrey. The commission found that Petelin is crazy on the subject of women. Petelin was found concealed behind a door at the Finch home, when the Misses Finch with their escorts returned home from the theatre. He was held at the muzzle of a revolver until the arrival of Sergeant W. T. Webb, who had been summoned. Joseph Guertner acted as interpreter at the hearing.

BIG SUM SUBSCRIBED.

More Than \$6,000 Raised at Franklin Baptist Sunday School.—Franklin, Va., April 20.—An example of unusual liberality was shown in the raising of over \$6,000 at the Franklin Baptist Sunday school last Sunday morning. For some time the Sunday school assembly rooms and classrooms on the lower floor of the church have been overcrowded, and a few weeks ago the church decided to build an annex to provide the additional room needed. The estimated cost is between \$5,000 and \$7,000, and most hopeful and enthusiastic members of the church and Sunday school were surprised and gratified by the responses made to the appeal for the necessary funds. Each one of the seventeen classes was asked to raise a stated amount, and almost without exception they gave more than was required of them. Also \$850 was pledged by the officers of the Sunday school, making the total for the Sunday school \$5,392. The Helping Hand

Society of the church has pledged \$100, and contributions from members of the church not in the Sunday school added \$550 more to the amount, making a grand total of \$6,252.

ELECTRIC BLOCK SIGNALS.

Southern to Install Them Between Alexandria and Orange.—Manassas, Va., April 20.—The Southern Railway Company will begin at once the installation of an electric block system between Alexandria and Orange, the same as is now being used by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway Company between Alexandria and Washington. In order to carry this system into effect the company will install power stations along the line, with Manassas as headquarters for the electrical force and for the material. All waiting rooms and depot platforms, street crossings and all offices, passenger, freight, baggage and telegraph, will be furnished with electric lights from these power stations. It is estimated that the system will be completed and ready for use on or before October 1 of this year.

HALF OF SCHOOL LEVY RETURNED.

Change Made at Meeting of Louisa Board of Supervisors.—Louisa, Va., April 20.—At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held recently, the question of the school tax was brought before the board. About three years ago the county cut the school fund 10 cents on the \$100 and added this amount to the general fund so as to curtail the county debt, and this has greatly embarrassed the school board. Mr. West presented the matter to the board in a very forceful way, and was followed by Rev. Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Gwathmey and Dr. Gitchell, who, in turn, made stirring appeals. It was shown by the speakers that this increase was necessary to protect the equipment of the school system and that by so doing the State appropriation would be increased, which had been reduced at the time the tax was reduced. The county school levy was lowered 2 cents and this was added to the district school levy, in addition to the 5 cents increase which was also added to the district levy. This change in the county levy was made for the convenience of the superintendent, as the county levy is not at all times available.

OLD DUTCH MEETING HOUSE.

Order in Court Recalls Ancient Church in Linville District.—Harrisonburg, Va., April 20.—On motion of the property authorities, D. Erasmus Layman, G. Luther Armentrout, Lindsay Armentrout and James E. Armentrout were appointed to act with J. Adam Armentrout, the only surviving trustee under a former appointment as trustees of the cemetery of the old

Dutch Meeting House Church, in Linville District. The lot was originally conveyed in 1797 by Peter Armentrout to John Armentrout and Adam Pout, to hold as trustees of the Dutch meeting house. It has not been occupied as a meeting house, however, for many years, but has been used as a cemetery for over a century, and the action was taken on petition of parties having relatives interred in the old cemetery.

TO MEET AT FREDERICKSBURG.

Annual Sessions of Virginia Sunday School Association April 25-27.—Fredericksburg, Va., April 20.—The Virginia Sunday School Association is making arrangements to insure that workers and teachers of the big adult classes shall have special interest in the coming convention at Fredericksburg on April 25 and 27. One of the principal speakers on that occasion will be W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, who is associate general secretary of the International Sunday School Association and superintendent for the Adult Division for America. He is probably the best known of all the workers in this department in the country, and it is probably due to his work more than to that of any one man that the membership of adults in Sunday schools has grown so rapidly. It is said that there are now a million and a half members of the adult organized classes, most of whom have been added in the last six or seven years. And a remarkable thing is that in the same length of time the total membership of the schools in America has grown more than 25 per cent, or about 2,000,000. Mr. Pearce will make three addresses to the convention and will also conduct a special conference of adult teachers and workers.

NEWS OF EASTERN SHORE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Onancock, Va., April 20.—Thomas J. Gray picked the first ripe strawberry of the season Thursday. Berries are turning in large quantities, and trout are being caught with hand lines. The class of 1913 of the Onancock High School numbers twenty-five. The young women members, at a recent meeting, voted to have simple, inexpensive white dresses for graduation. A \$1,000 Liszt organ, with two manuals, was installed in the Presbyterian Church here Tuesday. The tone is quite ornamental. Mrs. J. Harmanson Killmon is organist of the church. A tract of land of 61.46 acres, situated near Parkley, belonging to the estate of the late Alfred J. Barnes, was sold at public auction Saturday, bringing \$17,076, or about \$278 per acre. The caviar and meat of one surgeon caught this week, brought \$217. Rev. W. Lacy attended the meeting of the Norfolk Presbytery, which met in Norfolk last week. Misses Florence and Julia Fletcher, natives of Accomac, but residents of Tacoma, Wash., for ten years, who have been visiting relatives on the shore for six months, have left for home. They represented the State of Washington at the General Convention of United Daughters of the Confederacy, which met in Washington city in December. They were also delegates to the Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution, in session in Washington the past week. Their brother, J. Drummond Fletcher, was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore, from Washington. He is a candidate for a Federal judgeship. Mr. Fletcher took his degree at the University of Virginia. Dr. Oscar Richard Taylor, son of Dr. Frank Fletcher, commander of Harman-son-West Camp of Confederate Veterans, was married Thursday at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Temperanceville, to Miss Nancy Virginia Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Taylor, of Warsaw. The bride was attired in a midnight blue travelling gown, with hat and gloves to match. Her bouquet was of white roses. Ash-ton Fletcher was his brother's best man, and the ushers were Donald Fletcher and Joseph Taylor, Jr. The maid of honor was Miss Sue Wingate Mathews, and the matron of honor Mrs. F. G. Mann, of Belle Haven. Little Irma Bell Hudson was flower girl. Mrs. A. C. Mathews played the wedding march, and before the ceremony

Miss Eunice Mathews sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden." Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher left for a tour of the Northern cities. They will be at home at Sanford, Va., after May 7. Dr. Fletcher took his degree in medicine at the University College of Medicine, Richmond.

Captain James Lunn, of Chincoteague, while on his way to his vessel, which was anchored in the harbor, fell from the canoe he was rowing and was drowned. His body was recovered the next morning. Captain Lunn's grandfather was rescued from a stranded French vessel before he was able to list his name. He was called James Lunn by the islanders, but he, after he grew to be a man, called himself James Lunn. Captain Lunn was highly respected by the people of Chincoteague, who say they have lost a good citizen. He was a member of the Baptist church, surviving him are a widow, two sons and two daughters. He was fifty-eight years old.

Mrs. George Fentress, widow of Walter G. Fentress, died here to-day, of tuberculosis at the home of Mrs. Thomas Le Cato, aged forty-six years. Her remains were taken to Baltimore, where funeral services will be held at Trinity Methodist Church, of which she was a member. Interment will be in Loudoun Park Cemetery. Mrs. Fentress is survived by one daughter, Miss Ida Fentress, three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Le Cato, of Onancock, Mrs. Sadie Bull and Mrs. Jacob, of Cradockville, and two brothers, Frank Walter, of Onley, and G. Smith Walter, of Onancock.

Dr. Edgar W. Robertson received a telegram Sunday announcing the death of his brother, William J. Robertson, of Baltimore. Mr. Robertson had been sick with stomach trouble for four months. He was in the insurance business, and was a police magistrate at the Southwestern Station for four years. He was a member of the Franklin Square Baptist Church, of Baltimore. Mr. Robertson was married to Miss Clara Tabb, of Hampton, Va., who survives with three daughters, Mrs. William Gordon Beecher, Mrs. Edgar R. Omundson and Miss Myrtle Robertson, and one son, John Tabb Robertson. Mr. Robertson was a grandson of Lieutenant Samuel D. Wadley, of Revolutionary fame. Dr. John W. Robertson gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "School Sanitation," to the pupils of

the Onancock High School Friday. Samuel Dix, aged seventy-three years, of Modestown, died at his home Saturday. After funeral services conducted at the Modestown Baptist Church, by Rev. J. R. Mason, burial was made in the churchyard. Dorsey Chambers, who shot his father, William Chambers, Wednesday, at his home, near Daugherty, has been arrested, but was bailed by Judge Fletcher. Mr. Chambers is still alive, but his condition is precarious. He exonerates his son, stating that he did the deed in self-defense. Chambers was intoxicated.

ADDRESS BY CAPTAIN LAMB.

Feature of Meeting of Sandy Point Civic League.—[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Tidewater, Va., April 20.—The Sandy Point Civic League held its monthly meeting in the new schoolhouse here on Thursday evening. After the regular meeting for business, Hon. John Lamb, of Richmond, was introduced by one of the league's members, and for more than one hour Captain Lamb discussed the merits of the local civic league, in its work for the general uplift of a community, good schools, good roads, good government, better social conditions and higher citizenship. Civic conditions here are improving very rapidly. A new schoolhouse has been built within the last school year—the best in this county. The teacher, Miss M. Kate Woolfolk, of Richmond, an executive of high standing, is also secretary of the Civic League, which in co-operation with the Sunday school has purchased an organ and seats, besides helping to paint the building. Captain Lamb was invited to address the patrons and visitors of No. 4 school, near Sturgeon Point, Friday evening, of which Miss Lucy Waring is teacher, and he handled his subject delightfully. A large crowd was in attendance at both schools.

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